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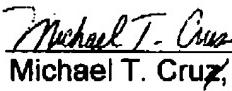
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance ("the Examiner's Statement") in the above-identified application and accompanies the issue fee transmittal (part B).

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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that the documents made of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to fairly describe, teach or suggest "a first resonator having a first tuning input to tune the first resonator as a function of a first current applied to the first tuning input; and a second resonator coupled to the first resonator, the second resonator having a second tuning input to tune the second resonator as a function of a second current applied to the second tuning input, whercin the first resonator comprises a first output and the second resonator comprises a second output, and wherein the output of the first resonator is fed back to the second tuning input for the second resonator, and the output of the second resonator is fed back to the first tuning input for the first resonator" as set forth in claim 1.

Applicants respectfully submit that the documents made of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to fairly dcscribe, teach or suggest "a first resonator having a first tuning input; a second resonator coupled to the first resonator, the second resonator having a second tuning input; first control means for controlling a first current applied to the first resonator to tune the first resonator; and second control means for controlling a second current applied to the second resonator to tune the second resonator, wherein the first resonator comprises a first output and the second resonator comprises a second output, and wherein the first control means feeds back the output of the second resonator to the first tuning input, and the second control means feeds back the output of the first resonator to the second tuning input" as set forth in claim 15.

Applicants respectfully submit that the documents made of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to fairly describe, teach or suggest "a first resonator having a first tuning input and a first output; a second resonator having a second tuning input and a second output; a first transconductance cell coupled between the first output and the second tuning input; a second transconductance cell coupled between the second output and the first tuning input; a third transconductance cell coupled between the first output and the first tuning input; and a fourth transconductance cell coupled between the second output and the second tuning input" as set forth in claim 29.

Applicants respectfully submit that the documents made of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to fairly describe, teach or suggest "a current controlled oscillator including a first resonator having a first tuning input to tune the first resonator as a function of a first current

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applied to the first tuning input, and a second resonator coupled to the first resonator, the second resonator having a second tuning input to tune the second resonator as a function of a second current applied to the second tuning input; and a controller having a first control to control the first current to the first tuning input, and a second control to control the second current to the second tuning input, wherein the first resonator comprises a first resonator output and the second resonator comprises a second resonator output, and wherein the first resonator output is fed back to the second tuning input for the second resonator, and the second resonator output is fed back to the first tuning input for the first resonator" as set forth in claim 35.

Applicants respectfully submit that the documents made of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to fairly describe, teach or suggest "converting an output of a first resonator to a first current; converting an output of a second resonator to a second current; tuning a first resonator as a function of the second current; and tuning the second resonator as a function of the first current" as set forth in claim 48.

Applicants respectfully submit that the documents made of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to fairly describe, teach or suggest "generating a first digital word; selecting one of the frequency bands with the first digital word; generating a second digital word; and tuning the oscillator to an operating frequency within the selected frequency band with the second digital word" as set forth in claim 57.

Applicants respectfully submit that the documents made of record, taken alone or in combination, fail to fairly describe, teach or suggest "selection means for selecting one of the frequency bands as a function of a first digital word; and tuning means for tuning the oscillator to an operating frequency within the selected frequency bands as a function of a second digital word" as set forth in claim 76.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's Statement might imply that the dependent claims are only allowable because they depend from allowed independent claims. However, the Examiner's Statement does not discuss any of the other elements of the claimed subject matter, in particular, those additional elements recited in the dependent claims which may render the dependent claims independently allowable in view of the specification, prosecution file history and/or the documents made of record, either alone or in combination.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's Statement presents only some of the reasons for allowance of the claims, and that other reasons also exist for allowing the claims such

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as, for example, those set forth more completely in the record as a whole. This interpretation is consistent with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, which states that any statement of reasons for allowance “[i]s not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and should not be written to specifically or impliedly state all the reasons for allowance are set forth.” M.P.E.P. § 1302.14.

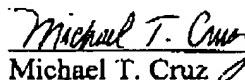
Finally, Applicants agree with the Examiner that claims 1, 3, 5-15, 17, 19-35, 37 and 39-153 are allowable in view of all of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination. However, Applicants do not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner’s characterization of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination, or the Examiner’s characterization of recited claim elements. In closing, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to argue the characterization of the documents of record, either alone or in combination, or the characterization of the recited claim elements should that need arise in the future.

If the Examiner has questions, or if Applicants can be of assistance, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicants’ representative at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees or credit overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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